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Committee: Transportation

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicle registration; to amend section
- 2 60-311, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1999; to provide for
- 3 Honorably Discharged Veteran Plates; to provide for fees;
- 4 to provide for the distribution of proceeds; and to
- 5 repeal the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-311, Revised Statutes Supplement,
2 1999, is amended to read:

3 60-311. (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall
4 furnish to every person whose motor vehicle is registered fully
5 reflectorized license plates upon which shall be displayed (a) the
6 registration number consisting of letters and numerals assigned to
7 such motor vehicle in figures not less than two and one-half inches
8 nor more than three inches in height and (b) also the word Nebraska
9 suitably lettered so as to be attractive. Two plates shall be
10 furnished for every motor vehicle, except that one plate per
11 vehicle shall be furnished for dealers, motorcycles,
12 truck-tractors, semitrailers, trailers, cabin trailers, buses, and
13 vehicles registered pursuant to section 60-305.09. The plates
14 shall be of a color designated by the Director of Motor Vehicles.
15 ~~The Except for plates issued pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this~~
16 act, the color of the plates shall be changed each time the license
17 plates are changed. Each time the license plates are changed the
18 director shall secure competitive bids for materials pursuant to
19 sections 81-145 to 81-163.01.

20 (2) Except for license plates issued pursuant to section
21 60-305.16, license plates shall be issued every three years
22 beginning with the license plates issued in the year 1984. Except
23 for plates issued pursuant to section 60-305.16, in the years in
24 which plates are not issued, in lieu of furnishing such plates, the
25 department shall furnish to every person whose motor vehicle is
26 registered one or two renewal tabs, as the case may be, which
27 renewal tabs shall bear the year for which furnished and be so
28 constructed as to permit them to be permanently affixed to the

1 plates.

2 (3) The department may provide a distinctive license
3 plate for all motor vehicles owned or operated by the state,
4 counties, municipalities, or school districts. Such
5 government-owned motor vehicles shall display such distinctive
6 license plates when such license plates are issued or shall display
7 undercover license plates when such license plates are issued under
8 section 60-304.

9 (4) The department shall provide a distinctive plate for
10 issuance pursuant to section 60-305.16.

11 (5) Whenever new license plates, including duplicate or
12 replacement license plates, are furnished to any person, a fee per
13 plate shall be charged in addition to all other required fees. The
14 plate fee shall be determined by the department and shall only
15 cover the cost of the plate and renewal tabs and stickers but shall
16 not exceed two dollars and fifty cents. All fees collected
17 pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer
18 for credit to the Highway Trust Fund.

19 (6) There is hereby created the License Plate Cash Fund
20 which shall consist of money transferred to it pursuant to section
21 39-2215. All costs associated with the manufacture of license
22 plates and stickers or tabs provided for in this section and
23 sections 60-311.01, 60-311.02, 60-6,322, and 60-1804 shall be paid
24 from funds appropriated from the License Plate Cash Fund. The fund
25 shall be used exclusively for such purposes and shall be
26 administered by the department. Any money in the fund available
27 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer
28 pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska

1 State Funds Investment Act.

2 Sec. 2. (1) Beginning January 2, 2001, a resident of
3 Nebraska who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces, which
4 for purposes of this section includes active duty, reserves,
5 National Guard, and Merchant Marine, and who was honorably
6 discharged may apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles for
7 Honorably Discharged Veteran Plates in lieu of regular license
8 plates on an application prescribed and provided by the department
9 for any passenger vehicle, farm truck, self-propelled mobile home,
10 cabin trailer, or commercial truck registered for ten tons gross
11 weight or less pursuant to section 60-302. An applicant receiving
12 an Honorably Discharged Veteran Plate for a farm truck with a gross
13 weight of over sixteen tons or for a commercial truck or
14 truck-tractor registered for a gross weight of five tons or over
15 shall affix the appropriate tonnage sticker to the plate. The
16 department shall make forms available for such applications through
17 the county treasurers or designated county officials as provided in
18 section 60-302. Only one motor vehicle owned by the applicant
19 shall be so licensed at any one time. Each application for initial
20 issuance or renewal of Honorably Discharged Veteran Plates shall be
21 accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars. Five dollars of each fee
22 shall be credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund,
23 and ten dollars of each fee shall be credited to the Veteran
24 Cemetery Maintenance Fund.

25 (2) When the department receives an application for
26 Honorably Discharged Veteran Plates, it shall deliver the plates to
27 the county treasurer or designated county official of the county in
28 which the vehicle is registered. The county treasurer or

1 designated county official shall issue Honorably Discharged Veteran
2 Plates in lieu of regular license plates when the applicant pays
3 the required fees, furnishes proof satisfactory to the department
4 that the applicant was honorably discharged, and complies with the
5 other provisions of law for registration of the vehicle. If the
6 license plates are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the licensee shall
7 be issued replacement plates pursuant to section 60-324.

8 (3) The owner of a vehicle bearing Honorably Discharged
9 Veteran Plates may make application to the county treasurer or
10 designated county official to have such license plates transferred
11 to a motor vehicle other than the vehicle for which such plates
12 were originally purchased if such vehicle is owned by the owner of
13 the license plates. Application for such transfer shall be
14 accompanied by a fee of three dollars. Fees collected pursuant to
15 this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit
16 to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

17 Sec. 3. The design of the Honorably Discharged Veteran
18 Plate shall be as follows: On a standard size license plate, the
19 base color shall be white, with all letters and numbers in dark
20 blue. Centered at the top of the license plate shall be the word
21 "NEBRASKA" in capital letters and at the bottom of the license
22 plate shall be the words "HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN" in capital
23 letters. Centered on the left side of the license plate shall be a
24 facsimile of the flag of the United States of America in red,
25 white, and blue, trimmed in gold. The flag shall measure one and
26 one-half inches high and two and one-quarter inches long. To the
27 right of the flag shall be an area for the license plate numbers.
28 The numbering sequence shall begin with the number 1 and end with

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1 the number 99999. The area for the renewal sticker shall be
2 located in the upper right portion of the license plate.

3 Sec. 4. Original section 60-311, Revised Statutes
4 Supplement, 1999, is repealed.